

SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 21, 2017

A meeting of the Salem Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at 120 Washington Street, Salem, MA. Present were Jessica Herbert (Chair), Reed Cutting, Susan Keenan, Joanne McCrea and Jane Turiel.

13 Warren Street

Ryan Guilmartin submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new fence.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 5/22/17
- Photographs
- Fence specifications

The applicant Ryan Guilmartin was present.

Mr. Guilmartin presented mockup drawings and a photograph of the neighbor's fence, which he will replicate. He stated that the new fence will be painted to match color of house trim.

Ms. Herbert asked for clarification on the location of the fence,

Mr. Guilmartin stated that fence would be placed at rear property line with two small sections from the house to the side fence. The existing side fence (chain link) would not be removed. The posts will be 8" square white cedar posts, the same as neighbors.

There was no public comment.

**VOTE: Mr. Cutting made a motion to approve fence as presented in white cedar stained to match color of trim. Ms. McCrea seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion so carried.**

55 Warren Street

Richard Jones and Naomi Cottrell submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition and to install new fencing.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 5/30/17
- Photographs
- Drawings by Jones Architecture, Inc. dated May 12, 2017

The applicant Richard Jones was present.

Mr. Jones presented the plans to demolish an existing mudroom and construct an addition and install new fencing. He also presented photographs of additions on other similar houses.

Ms. Herbert asked if it was possible to bring the front windows closer together as recommended on the staff report.

Mr. Jones replied that interior space with two rooms prohibited the placement of the windows in the center of the elevation.

Ms. Herbert asked Mr. Jones if he had considered making the addition larger.

Mr. Jones replied that a larger addition would impact the driveway.

Ms. Herbert commented that proposed rear fence was thankfully not stepped down and asked about for clarification on the support posts for the gate.

Mr. Jones replied that the posts would be visible from both sides.

Ms. Herbert asked about the gate.

Mr. Jones replied that fence would have a four foot gate at location of existing gate with posts on either side. The gate would be a single section of four feet, the other posts would be 8' on center. He stated that he would like to stain front fence to match trim color but leave rear fence untreated.

Ms. Herbert asked about details of windows.

Mr. Jones replied that windows would be wood true divided Marvin Ultimate series.

Ms. Herbert asked about foundation of addition.

Mr. Jones replied that it would be granite veneer to match appearance of house foundation.

Ms. Kelleher asked about the location of vent pipes.

Mr. Jones replied that interior bathroom would require a vent pipe.

There was no public comment.

**VOTE: Mr. Cutting made a motion to approve work as proposed, including removal of mudroom and windows, construction of addition with true-divided wood windows to match existing on house, addition of rear entry door and granite stair and new fences as presented with 6" posts with caps. Ms. Turiel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion so carried.**

Ms. Herbert recommended that Mr. Jones check with building inspector about height of fence and whether a 7' tall fence requires a zoning variance.

#### Salem Common Bandstand

The City of Salem submitted a request to install a cover over the stairwell at the Common Bandstand.

Ms. Kelleher reported that the City has requested to continue the discussion to the next Commission meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTE: Ms. Turiel made a motion to continue the discussion to July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Cutting seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion so carried.**

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commission members agreed to postpone review of minutes until the next meeting.

Other Business

Ms. Herbert presented information on a proposed demolition of an historic house at the corner of Washington Street and Main Street in Peabody. She explained the history of the property, reporting that the City sold the property to a developer and then rescinded the deal by eminent domain. The developer is now suing the city and is seeking to demolish the building and remove the massive, ancient copper beach tree. She recommended the SHC offer to support the Peabody Historical Commission, noting that property could be reused for affordable housing or another community use.

The Commission agreed that Ms. Herbert and Ms. Kelleher will draft a letter of support for preservation of the house to be sent to the City of Peabody and the Peabody Historical Commission. They will also work with Salem City Solicitor on ideas.

**VOTE: Mr. Cutting made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keenan second the motion. All were in favor and the motion so carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Kelleher  
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